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SUBJECT: ECLA PREPARATORY MEETING FOR UN WATER

CONFERENCE: PANAMANIAN RESOLUTION

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1. FOLLOWING PRECEDENT OF ECLA REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR HABITAT CONFERENCE MENTIONED REF A, USDEL SHOULD RESERVE ON SUBJECT RESOLUTION, MAKING FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD:

2. QUOTE: MY DELEGATION REGRETS THAT IT CANNOT SUPPORT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA. IN THE VIEW OF MY GOVERNMENT, THIS RESOLUTION IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AGREED TO BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA IN FEBRUARY 1974, SINCE IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN THE CANAL. IN THE 1974 JOINT STATEMENT ON WHICH THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE BASED, THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA PLEDGED TO GRANT TO THE UNITED STATES 'THE RIGHT TO USE THE LANDS, WATERS AND AIRSPACE WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, PROTECTION AND DEFENSE OF THE CANAL AND THE TRANSIT OF SHIPS.' THE DRAFT RESOLUTION DOES NOT TAKE THIS POSITION INTO ACCOUNT.

3. QUOTE: I SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION SEEKS TO INTRODUCE INTO MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TOPICS WHICH ARE COMPLEX AND BEST SETTLED IN THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA. IN A JOINT REPORT TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JUNE THIS YEAR, THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA IDENTIFIED THE 'ARRANGEMENTS IN LAND AND WATER AREAS COMPRISING THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE' AS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT ISSUES STILL UNRESOLVED. MY DELEGATION BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT THE PROPER FORUM FOR DISCUSSIONS OF THIS MATTER IS THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, IN WHICH, AS THE JOINT STATEMENT TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JUNE REPORTED, 'THE PARTIES HAVE MADE FURTHER SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THE HIGHLY COMPLEX ISSUES BEFORE THEM.' THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, MORE THAN ANY OTHER DELEGATION HERE, SHOULD KNOW THAT THE QUESTION OF LANDS AND WATERS WITHIN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE IS TOO COMPLEX FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION IN A MULTILATERAL FORUM AND THAT REAL PROGRESS CAN ONLY BE MADE IN ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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